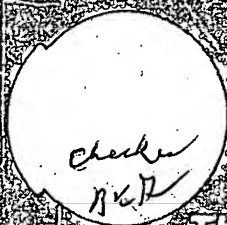


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carefully on the walls and then ceilings of two of its three restaurants. (The third location participated in the "coupon capture" but didn't participate in this "decorating" because it just wouldn't have gone with the decor.)

Continuing to spread the coupons around the restaurants was derailed by a couple of special promotions the restaurant did to promote its coupon capturing program. "In September we did one where if they brought in 25 coupons they could get a free large pizza," he says. "We only put this notice up on our reader board at two of our locations for one week and it just spread by word of mouth. We were giving out \$600 to \$800 worth of pizzas a week out of one store alone."

Then, in October, a contest was held to see who could bring in the most coupons. The grand prize was a pizza party for 50. Other prizes included several Reno vacation weekends and some smaller pizza parties.

Altogether, 3500 coupons were collected. Eight hundred and twenty-five of them came from the winner. The second place finisher had approximately 800.

"I now have 60 to 70 pounds of coupons I'm storing in garbage bags in my office," laughs Olivier. "We were thinking of stamping every one from Pizza Hut 'captured' and sending them to their headquarters with a thank you note, but we haven't done anything so crass yet."

Flying Pie's capture program has brought in additional customers and substantially improved sales. Each of its three stores is averaging about 10 coupons a day. Says Olivier, "For every customer who comes in with a coupon we get one or two additional customers coming in without coupons."

Put into financial terms, the restaurants (all three combined) are now experiencing gross revenue in the \$90,000 a month range, up from about \$70,000 a month during 1987.

Nothing else has changed at the company that could account for this increase. In fact, Olivier has gradually let his advertising budget go from \$1500 to \$2000 a month to zero today. ➤

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In addition, although you would like

to stick with your restaurant's colors, you need to select color combinations that will be noticed and remembered. If possible, keep your color choices to one primary color (red, yellow, or blue) and one to two secondary colors.

A no no: do not combine yellow and white. The two colors together do not work—nothing shows up—even with a backlight.

As with all your equipment and tools, maintenance is essential. Dirty signs, chipped edges, etc., do not convey that look of professionalism I'm

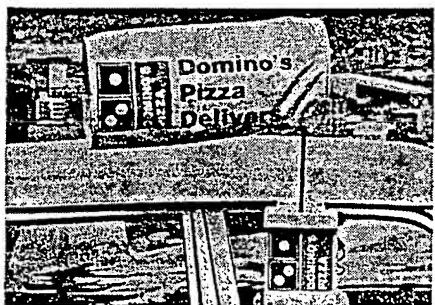
sure your pizza operation wants to show.

Most signage items are built well; however, they are not indestructible. Handle your signage with care. They also should be washed regularly with soap and water. Check your signage often for signs of damage and normal wear and tear. Take care of the worn-out or damaged parts immediately. Also remember to allow adequate funds in your budget to replace your signs on a regular basis. ▶

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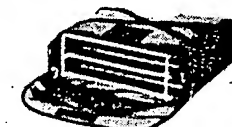
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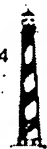


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ing the other booth displays in the area. As people came up to buy their pizza slices, they received a free Noid collectible, further solidifying the Noid-Domino's identity with its customers.

That festival weekend helped Domino's sales significantly. "In a typical week in 1987, I was doing about \$8800 to \$9000. The week of the festival our sales went up to \$15,000. About \$3200 of this increase was due primarily to the festival itself."

For four weeks after that, sales stabilized in the \$10,000-a-week range. Some of this increase from pre-festival levels was natural growth as the business moved into the busy fall season. But, the festival did have some impact on this growth.

"Overall, this store has been growing at about 30 percent a year," claims Wadlington. "Half of that I'd attribute to the inflatable Noid promotion at the festival."

Accordingly, Wadlington wanted to participate with the Noid at the 1988 festival. But, this time, instead of placing the Noid on top of the Domino's food booth, he set it up on the ground so the kids could get closer to it.

The Noid did not take first prize among the floats in 1988, just third. But once again, Wadlington had a strong sales increase during festival week—from \$10,000 to \$15,000—and a permanent increase in business similar to 1987 figures. It is that long-term increase that makes participating in this type of promotion worthwhile, explains Wadlington.

He intends to bring the inflatable Noid to the October festival again in 1989. But this year, he's planning on adding another feature: a group of miniature horses owned by the Domino's head office.

Wadlington, as a Domino's franchisee, is obviously highly satisfied with the inflatable Noid concept. He does see its applicability to other kinds of pizza operations as a promotional tactic with one main reservation. "I'm not sure that it would work all that well if you've got an inflatable that's just generic to the pizza industry. I think that it'll be most effective if it has something to do with your mascot (if you have one), your products or services, or your logo." >

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The programs we looked at averaged about eight weeks from new-hire to store management. But none could compare with Domino's strict requirement that potential franchisees successfully manage a unit for one full year before becoming eligible for their own franchise.

Technology

All of the trainers we talked with are either heavily involved with video training at the unit level or headed in that direction. When you consider a work force that is sometimes marginally literate and always turning over, video is one way to communicate accurately and consistently. Manuals are nice, but in an age when not everyone is interested... or able to read, the major players in the industry have discovered that video is a good (although incomplete) answer.

Size and budget also have definite advantages. Domino's is about to roll out a driver's education program developed especially for delivery drivers. Pizza Hut is looking ahead, toward computer-based training for the ability to take advanced one-on-one instruction directly to the field—saving millions of hours and dollars currently spent in travel to and from individual operations and Headquarters' office.

Chain operations do have some advantage when it comes to training. But they have their problems, too. Smaller operators can still provide quality training. We'll talk about how they provide these quality programs in future issues.

For now, stand slightly in awe of "the big boys," if you wish. But don't worry! When asked where he was headed in the long term, Domino's Wally Power says he wants to develop a world class training organization—one that could serve as a model for the entire service industry. (I think he'll do it and I believe he will share.)

In the year 2000, it will take more than training to succeed. Survivors will be sharp recruiters who also are skilled at developing programs that foster retention. My guess is that the big boys will show us how.

While you're waiting, it wouldn't be a bad idea to train... like the pros. ➤



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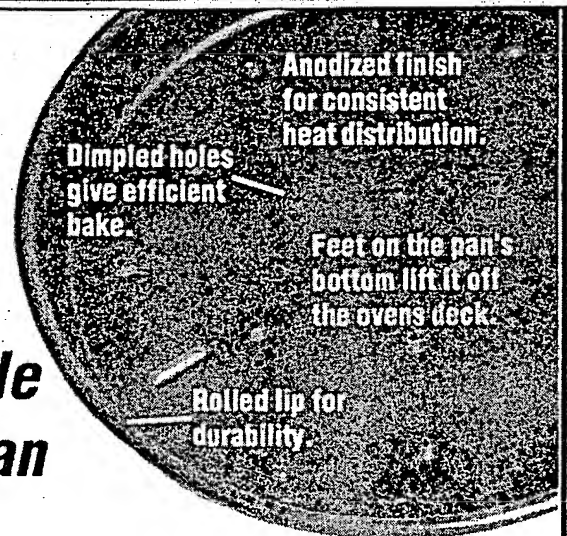
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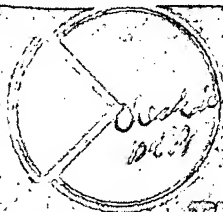
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vertising expense for the pizzeria. Some persons are "turned on" by different toppings. Others cannot turn down a two-for-one pizza offer. The secret is not to confuse people with a mixture of packages that appear to be similar in nature.

PT: Does the average recipient of pizzeria flyers view them as junk mail?

Cannon: They are unwanted pieces for those that don't want them and valuable sources of information for those that do. There is a higher acceptance rate for this kind of promotion, however, because almost everyone is looking for a good pizza deal.

PT: Does a pizzeria owner gain from including his or her menu on flyers?

Cannon: It's a good idea to do so if you are looking for new customers who aren't familiar with your establishment.

"A pizzeria owner can expect to pull in with his or her advertising flyers only the kind of people who will be impressed by the promotional strategy used."

—Hugh M. Cannon

PT: Should the copy (words) on a flyer be kept brief?

Cannon: Don't put anything on an advertising piece that the public doesn't need to know. Pictures and art stimulate customers more than long verbal descriptions.

Certain information should be included at the risk of annoying people if it isn't. This includes your telephone number, address, hours open, prices, etc. All other space on the flyers should be devoted to arousal.

PT: How crucial is it to maintain a uniform promotional approach?

Cannon: It is important to establish a recognizable identity that customers will grow to appreciate. It's tempting for independents to want to advertise in ways that seem to make sense at the

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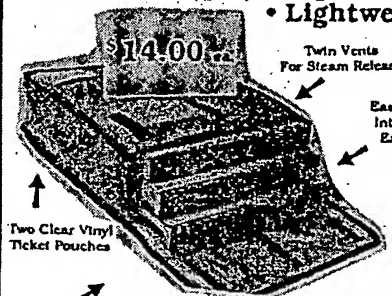
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rant, close to the University of Nevada at Las Vegas. Since Carlisle's music appeals to many in that age/education group, the fit was a good one.

Your restaurant's ambiance is another important factor to consider when judging the appropriateness of a particular personality. The location must be comfortable for the artist, and should be somewhat consistent with the individual's image. For instance, you might not want to bring punk rocker Billy Idol into a Yuppie-frequented, trendy fern bar—unless you're crazy about his sneer.

Still another factor to consider is the relative popularity of the artist you bring to your restaurant. You're probably not going to get a superstar like Madonna or Michael Jackson, but if you did, your restaurant would have to be stadium-sized to handle the crowd. On the other hand, you probably don't

want an artist whose reputation is undeveloped. For an event of this kind, your star must be popular enough that a private dinner with her or him would be considered a special honor. Carlisle, for example, is a former member of the popular musical group, the Go-Go's, an artist who has also done well in a solo career.

Metro wants to do more of this type promotion with the radio station. But to retain the impact, Arena says, he'll limit the frequency with which he holds similar events. KLUC's more standard radio promos, he says, provide plenty of exposure for Metro, at very little cost.

For instance, Metro's involvement in KLUC's "Weekend Party Patrol" is attracting a lot of attention in the city. Saturday night partiers are encouraged to report their location to KLUC; the station then sends a van out to

three or four of the parties, offering the guests free records and free Metro Pizza, as well as a personal pizza spinning lesson by Pizzaaahlympics spinning champ (and Metro employee) Dolphis Boucher. Spontaneous promotions like these can be had for a song. All Metro Pizza provides is the pizza and Boucher.

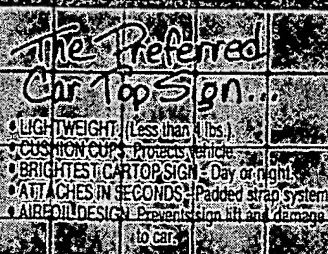
Metro is fortunate to have a pizza personality right on the premises. If you lack an in-house spinner, you can still use the star-quality of popular culture figures to jazz up your reputation around town. All it takes is an airwave connection, a little planning, and the stamina to handle a crowd of happy, hungry fans. ▶

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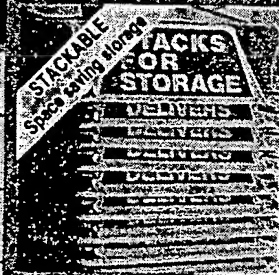
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all pepperoni," he says. "The eyes are black olives—whenever you use olives, they must be chopped real fine. The nose is a circle filled with mozzarella and outlined with black olives. The moustache is all black olives."

On Mickey Mouse, he says, the tongue is made of pepperoni. Dick Tracy's hat is made of mozzarella and black olives.

Artistry and ability must be combined with another ingredient: patience.

"Instead of the 30 to 40 seconds it takes to make a regular pie, a character pizza takes 45 minutes to an hour," Mania says. "First, I draw the figure on the inside of a pizza box. Then I cut out the figure, stretch the dough, put the cardboard on top of the dough and trace the figure on the dough."

"I do it on a screen," he explains. "If you do it on a paddle, it'll lose shape. Mario Brothers has a pretty rounded face. But Bart Simpson is short and thin-faced, so you have room left over on each side. That's why you put the character on a screen instead of a paddle—so it won't shrink back."

The character pizzas are made on



Mickey's pepperoni tongue and black olive eyes make him almost look like the real mouse.

regular pizza skins. "Our signature pizza is a deep dish," says Mania, "but

when I tried characters on a deep dish, they came out too thick. So most of the time I use our 16-inch large pie, although in mid-September I started doing them on our extra-large 28-inch party-size pie. They've turned out well."

Mania said he gets at least three requests a week for character pizzas. "Sometimes it's six or seven. Most of the character pizzas are for kids parties. We advertise in a couple news-papers, one that circulates to the George Washington Bridge. One lady called from 45 minutes away to ask about what we do."

How does Mania find time to make pizzas that take 60 to 90 times as long as regular pizzas?

"I require people to give me at least one day's notice," he says. "Say you want to pick up a Mickey Mouse pizza at 1:00 p.m. Saturday. We open at 11:00 a.m. I'll come in early, do all my other work, and set aside time to make the character pizza. I'll start on Mickey at 11:30 a.m. and have it done by 12:30 p.m."

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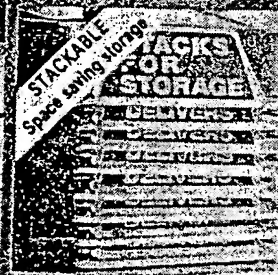
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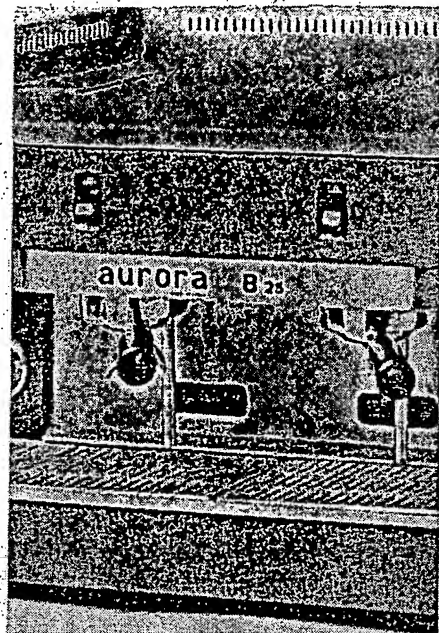
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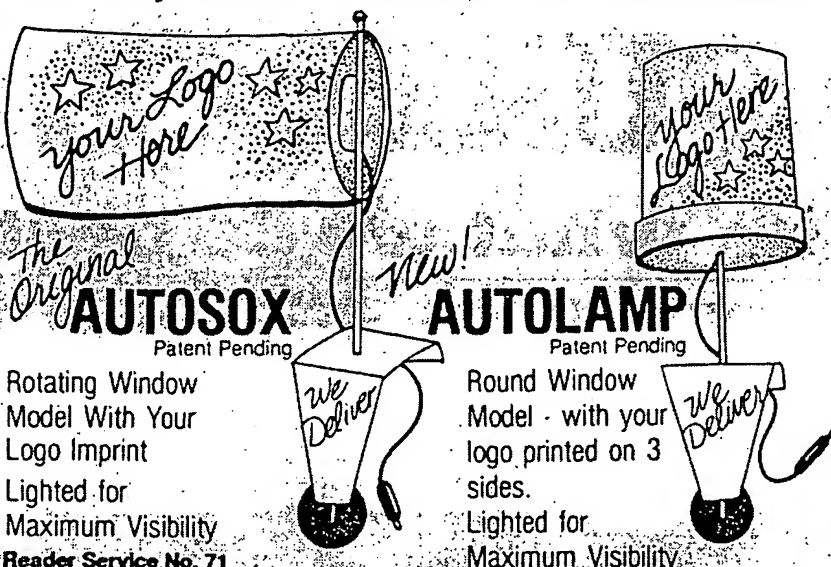


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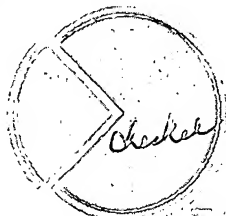
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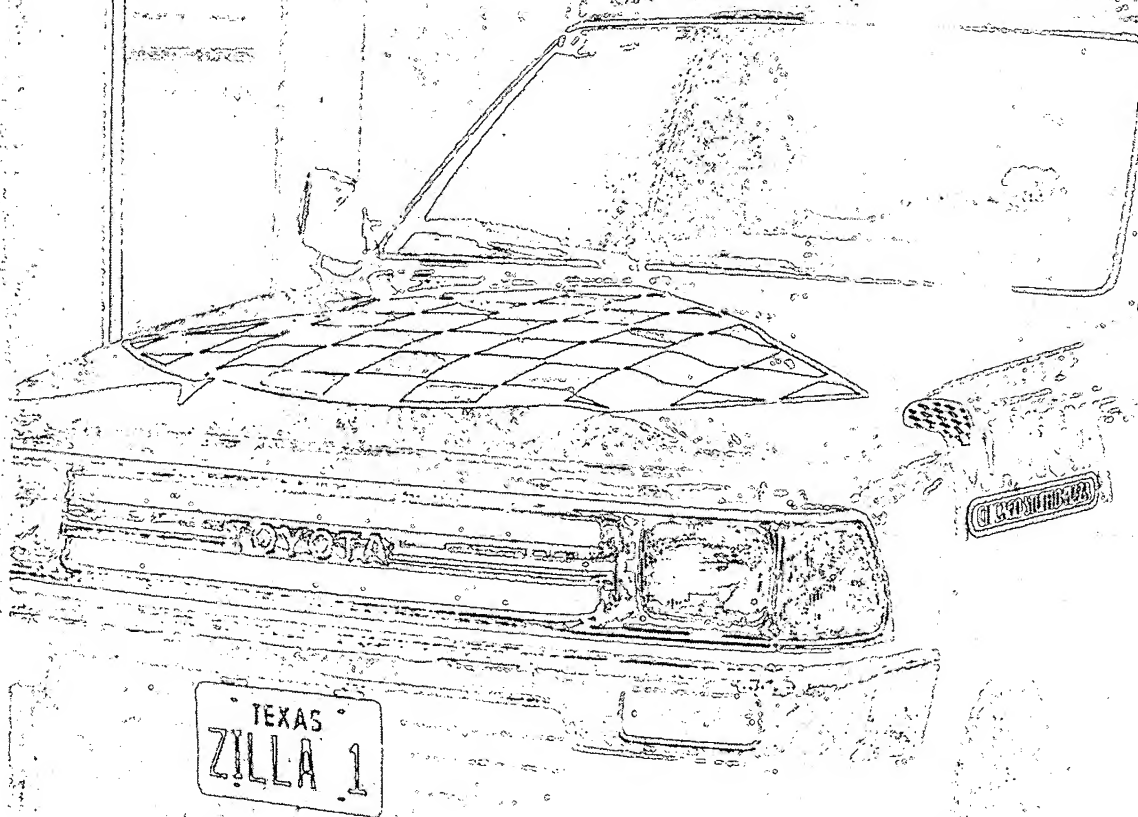
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Wayne DeFontes
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(Editor's note: See the "Resources" section of Pizza Today for consultant listings, as well as a variety of sources for other services and products.)



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In conclusion, it's not good enough to simply focus on the numbers. Instead, a company must focus on the right numbers, and focus on how those numbers are obtained. Because "good numbers" in the short run may well create "bad numbers" over the long haul. ➤

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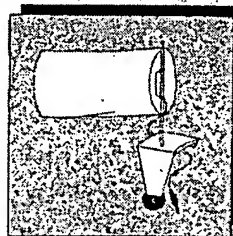
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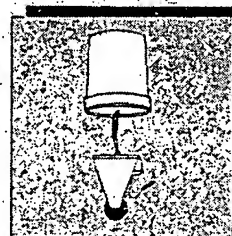
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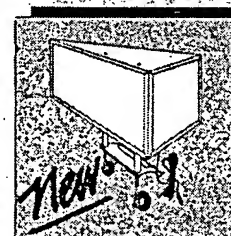
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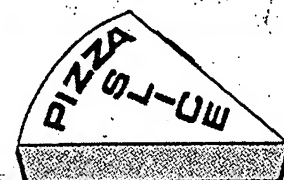
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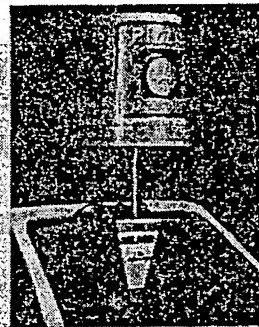
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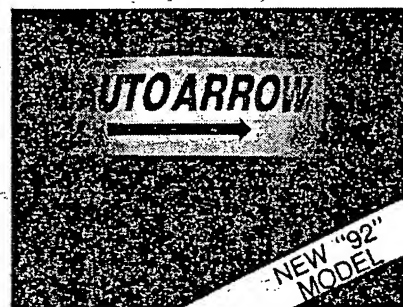
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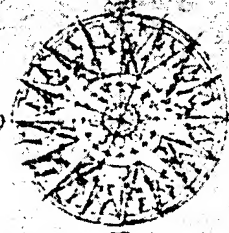
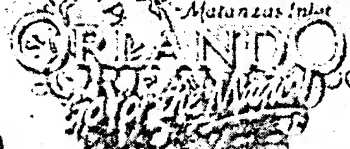
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One of the most interesting toppings of late (some things I just point out, I don't necessarily have to like them), first introduced by the California Pizza Kitchen chain, is a BLT pizza—bacon, lettuce and tomato.

On the subject of prosciutto, some things to consider: domestic prosciutto can be very salty, so before you run out and buy a lot of it, sample some different brands to evaluate the salt factor. And the salt factor is there, not only in its natural state, but after being exposed to the heat of the oven as well. In fact, high oven temperatures can intensify the saltiness of inferior prosciutto. In this writer's opinion, the preferred prosciutto for pizza is prosciutto di Parma or imported prosciutto. It is, however, very expensive, and its delicate and delicious flavor is really destroyed by excessive and prolonged heat. The best way to work with prosciutto—imported or domestic—as a topping is to cut it almost paper-thin and put it on the pizza AFTER it comes out of the oven. If your operation is one that deals with New Wave pizza toppings, consider using thinly sliced waves of prosciutto with pineapple chunks or with figs that have been coarsely chopped. In either case I would use a cheese such as Asiago or Fontina

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As usual, Italy abounds with regional preferences. The fillings are often what one would find on a flat circle of pizza dough. This is one of the things that makes them an economical addition to a menu designed around pizza—they can make use of a great many of the same ingredients. Anything that goes onto a pizza can be stuffed into a calzone.

Calzone dough is the same as that used for pizza, although there are variations, such as adding eggs or herbs, but regular pizza dough serves nicely. Calzones can be made in four inch cocktail-sized circles or comfortable handful from an eight-inch circle. Dough is rolled about 1/4 inch thick and circles cut. Filling is heaped toward one side of the dough circles. The dough is then folded in half over the filling. An eight-inch circle should contain about 3/4 to one cup of filling. When the fillings are particularly moist, use extra care in sealing the dough edges completely to prevent leakage by rolling and crimping the edges. The edges may then be brushed with beaten egg, if desired, for further sealing insurance and the tops of the calzones pricked and brushed with oil. Baking time depends somewhat on the filling used, but the range is 15 to 20 minutes on a cornmeal-dusted baking sheet. The pockets should bake in a hot oven until golden brown.

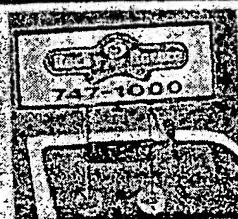
Calzones and panzarotti can be deep-fried, or pan fried in oil 1/2 inch deep, two to three minutes per side, until golden brown. Drain on paper towels and sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese. Automated equipment for producing calzones is available that can produce up to several hundred filled calzones an hour.

Calzones are a natural for any pizza carry-out operation, since they can be carried away in a bag or in the consumer's hand. They can be priced in multiples to encourage volume sales. Smaller sizes are attractive to customers with children, since they represent less waste for the hard-earned dollar. Also, calzones may well be, given the age of the child, considerably neater to eat. Since the pockets can easily be reheated by microwave, calzones are convenient not only for the operator, but also for the

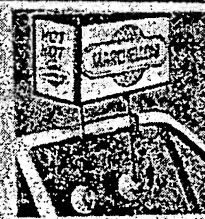
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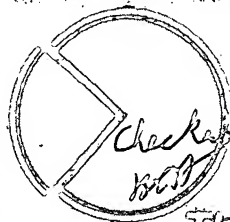
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Number of Employees: 10 corpo-
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Menu: Thin, pan, stuffed and
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Beverages: All locations serve
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Average Check: \$10-\$11

Owners: Jake Flowers and Sam
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cial support made it possible for Jake to start his second restaurant—a carbon copy of his first success—in just a short period of time.

With the beginnings of the first two pizzerias, the seed was planted for what would grow and blossom into a thriving venture once franchising began to boom in the late 1960s. The transition from restaurant to franchise occurred quite naturally for Jake's, although the evolutionary process began somewhat slowly.

Throughout his many years in the business, Jake Flowers teamed up with numerous partners—as many as five at

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chicken, artichokes and mushrooms in a creamy onion sauce, several mouth watering fish dishes, including baked salmon steak topped with smoked salmon mousse and a crisp buttery crumb crust, broiled striped bass with a fresh raw to-mato/basil relish and mushroom stuffed squid.

Chef Beeberdick says to think of Geppetto's as only a pizza parlor would be a tragic misconception. To insure the highest standards he orders only the freshest top quality ingredients and insists on very careful preparation.

Cosmano, who has been in the business for 20 years, says he has every book ever written about pizza making and makes it a point to keep current and knowledgeable about the industry.

"I know what I can and cannot do after all these years of trial and error," he said. Then he lets you know that, as a matter of fact, he is definitely the creator of the Geppetto's pizza.

Cosmano assures you that a tremendous amount of preparation goes into making Geppetto's pizza. Three people come in early in the morning to cook fresh peppers and prepare dough and sauce for the nighttime rush on the weekends. Geppetto's uses three Wisconsin cheeses and seven properly dried spices but keeps some touches private.

Geppetto's pizza was among 205 original nominees in the Pizza Hunt according to newspaper reports. Here is what the judge had to say about Geppetto's entry:

"The big difference between top stuffed pizzas and also-rans concerns the top crust; most stuffed pizzas that fail do so because their upper crusts are undercooked or almost raw (a lot of pizza-eaters miss this flaw, mistaking the raw dough for cheese). The winner did the best job with their crust."

Cosmano said, "We are constantly experimenting with our pizza because for the race of quality there is no finish line." Geppetto's, normally open for daily lunch and dinner, does a strong carry-out business in addition to table service. Since day one the restaurant has been on one of the community's main business streets. The restaurant features a popular salad bar which has two soups daily. ♡

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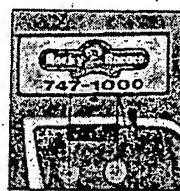
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